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PEACEFUL SURRENDER OF ADDIS ABABA BY CROWN PRINCE? BULGARIA TO TAKE ACTION?

KING ATTENDS MEETING OF CROWN COUNCIL ABROGATION OF MILITARY CLAUSES OF TREATY OF NEUILLY

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Sofia, To-day.

A Crown Council, which was attended by King Boris as well as the Premier, M. Kusseinanoff, and the entire Cabinet, was held here on Saturday. Although the statement issued after the conclusion of the Crown Council, which lasted four hours, merely declares that the various Ministers reported to the king regarding the past and future work of their departments, rumours persist here that the question of the repudiation of the military clauses of the Treaty of Neuilly was discussed by the Council.

Paris: The impending repudiation of the military restrictions imposed on Bulgaria by the Treaty of Neuilly is predicted in a report received by the paper *Paris-Soir* from its Belgrade correspondent. The correspondent declares that the question of the repudiation of the military clauses of the Treaty of Neuilly was discussed by the Crown Council held at Sofia on Saturday under the presidency of King Boris of Bulgaria, and asserts that the renunciation of the military clauses restricting Bulgaria's armaments will shortly be announced by the Bulgarian Government. The correspondent expects that the announcement will be made on St. George's day, May 6, which is the Bulgarian national holiday.

JAPAN AND THE SOVIET

Both Governments Want Peace

JAPAN'S HANDS FORCED BY COMPETING ELEMENTS

London, To-day. "The Times," commenting on the incidents which continue to multiply on the Manchukuo-Outer Mongolia frontier, says that there is no need to doubt that both the Soviet and Japanese Governments really desire peace, at any rate for the time being, and equally there is no doubt that their differences are susceptible to diplomatic adjustment.

Where the doubt arises is over the ability of the Japanese Government and Foreign Office to prevent their hands being forced by elements over which they have no control. There can be no real stability in Japanese policy until a more permanent equilibrium is reached between the elements now competing for control.

FISHING CONVENTIONS

Moscow: The chief of the Eastern Department of the Foreign Commissariat, M. Kozlocky, has communicated to the Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy new Soviet proposals regarding the revision of the Fishing Convention, stating that the Soviet, while making the new concessions as a proof of goodwill, hopes that the Japanese Government will take steps to complete the negotiations in the shortest possible time. — Reuter.

GERMAN DAVIS CUP WIN

Barcelona, To-day. In the First Round of the Davis Cup (European Zone), held yesterday, Germany beat Spain by 3 matches to nil. — Reuter.

Germany, who were represented by Von Cramm and Lund, will now meet Hungary at Duesseldorf on May 15. — Trans-Ocean Service.

Italian Report From Djibouti Of Pending Negotiations



Farmer Frew A. Tucker of Iowa City, Indiana, apparently won his fight to prevent planes of the United Air Lines from skimming across his farm on the city limits to land at the adjacent airport when he erected a 24-foot pole as a barrier after he had been granted an injunction restricting trans-Continental planes from flying less than 30 feet high over Tucker's land. The air company cancelled all stops at Iowa City.

ELECTIONS IN FRANCE RADICAL-SOCIALIST LEADER WITHDRAWS

Paris, To-day. The first surprise in the elections was the failure of M. Herriot, the Radical-Socialist leader, to secure an absolute majority in the first ballot at Lyons.

EXPLOSION IN BERLIN

Deliberately Caused By Disgruntled Man

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day. An explosion, demolishing an entire tenement house and rendering 27 persons homeless, in the centre of Berlin, occurred when one of the tenants, the brother and uncle of the proprietor, in order to have vengeance on them, with whom he had previously quarrelled, deliberately caused the gas to explode.

Many occupants of the house were wounded, but luckily no one was killed. The culprit tried to hide himself in a chimney near by, and the fire brigade had to force him out.

The explosion occurred near the Alexanderplatz, in the busiest part of the capital. Many of the occupants had to spend the night in the Municipal Night Refuge for Homeless Persons. — Trans-Ocean Service.

SIR S. HOARE TO RETURN?

As First Lord Of Admiralty

London, To-day. Sir Samuel Hoare, according to the *Morning Post*, is returning to the Government in the next few weeks as First Lord of the Admiralty in place of Lord Mansell, who for some time has been anxious to retire from an active political life. — Reuter.

COMMUNIST GAINS
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PLANES AGAIN VISIT CAPITAL

DESPERATE FIGHTING IN HILLS

EARLY CONCLUSION OF HOSTILITIES ANTICIPATED IN ROME

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

The Abyssinian Crown Prince, with his bodyguard and numerous tribal chiefs, is now on his way to the Italian lines in order to negotiate with Marshal Badoglio regarding the eventual peaceful surrender of Addis Ababa, asserts a report received by the "Giornale d'Italia" from Djibouti, which adds that the army defending the Abyssinian capital has been placed under the command of the Abyssinian Crown Prince.

Addis Ababa: Several Italian aeroplanes again appeared over the Abyssinian capital on Saturday. The planes, which came from the north and descended to an extremely low altitude, carried out extensive reconnoitring flights over Addis Ababa and the surrounding district, and then returned to their base. The planes, so it is believed here, had been sent out by the Italian high command to ascertain the present whereabouts of the Negus. — Trans-Ocean Service.

Rome: Desperate fighting has been in progress around the fortified triangle formed by Daggahmido, Sassebene and Daggabur, barring the road to Harrar. The scene of the fighting is rugged, hilly stretches of bare rock, alternating with thick bush and torrents, most of which are at present in flood, rushing down the valleys from the mountains.

KWANGTUNG'S DEFENCES

Special Courses For Commanders

UNDER GERMAN STAFF OFFICERS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Divisional Commanders and other high officers who are required to take special courses under German staff officers at Yin Tong Military Academy are required to sleep in the dormitories to-night like ordinary cadets. General Chen Chi-tang, their superior officer and superintendent of the Academy, will visit them at 7.30 p.m. and will take advantage of this opportunity to discuss military defence with the divisional commanders.

COUNTRY REMAINS CALM

Paris: France polled heavily in yesterday's elections for the new Chamber of Deputies. The country remained calm throughout and no incidents are reported. The first result announced was for Cochinchina, where the barrister son of the French Premier, M. Omer Sarrat, standing as an Independent Radical of the Centre Party, was placed second out of four candidates, but a further ballot is necessary as no candidate obtained a clear majority.

A second ballot will be necessary in many constituencies.

MIDNIGHT STANDINGS

Paris: At midnight the state of the parties was as follows: Right, 31; Centre, 19; Left, 22. A second ballot will be necessary in 134 out of 208 constituencies where the results are known.

Prominent persons elected include M. Vincent Auriol, the Socialist financial expert; M. Thellier, Minister of Agriculture; M. Mandel, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs; M. Courrier, the Communist leader; M. Dekerillis, the Rightist editor of the *Echo de Paris*; M. Frot, Minister of Interior; M. Leon Blum, the Socialist leader; M. Andre Marty, of the Communist Right, leader of the Black Sea fleet mutiny; and M. Jacques Stern, Minister of the Colonies.

CHIANG CONTROLS YUNNAN

It is reported that the high military officers here discussed the Yunnan situation following the recent visit of General Chiang Kai-shek to Kunming, the provincial capital. More troops are being sent into that province from Szechuan and Hunan, which means that General Chiang will exercise direct control over Yunnan.

BOYONET CHARGE

Rome: The progressive smashing

of the Abyssinian fortified line on the front of 50 miles between Daggahmido and Sassebene is

reported in a communiqué from Marshal Badoglio confirming the capture of Daggahmido. It says

that the town was taken by

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Ras Nasibou, tried to keep General Graziani at bay with a line of entrenchments, redoubts and machine-gun posts constructed by the Turkish General Wahib Pasha, but the Italian air bombing was very accurate and intense and forced the enemy out of the caves. Ras Nasibou's men, who attacked *en masse* in the traditional Abyssinian style, were eventually routed.

The Italian motorised sections launched a pursuit towards Daggabur, which virtually completed the surrounding of Sassebene, consequently investing the Abyssinian line in the Italian communications from Mogadiscio, now nearly 500 miles long, which has necessitated the building of roads and railways with bridges across the rivers.

It is unofficially reported that Sassebene has fallen. This would give the Italians dominance over the whole line and open the road to Harrar. — Reuter.

Yunnan

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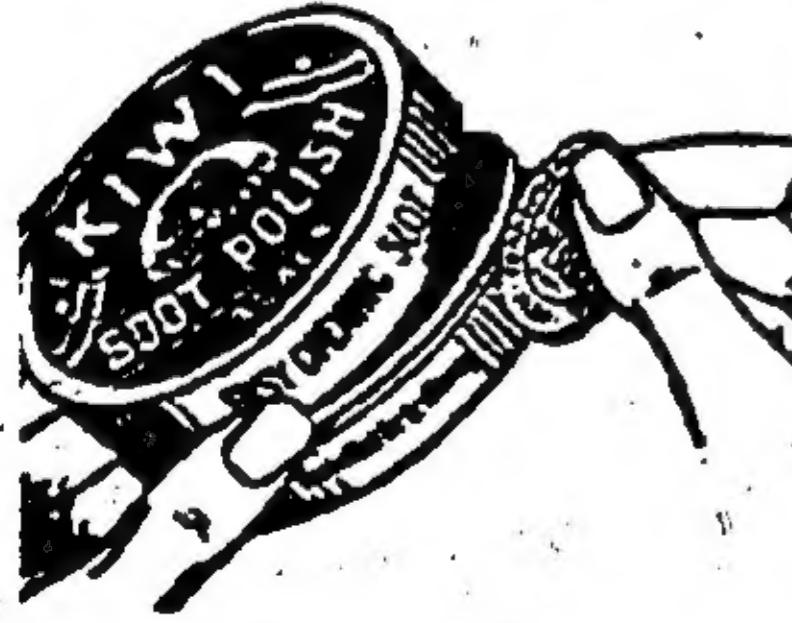
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 22nd May, 1936, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1935, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 4th May to 22nd May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th April, 1936.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 22nd May, 1936, at 11.20 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1935, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 4th May to 22nd May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th April, 1936.

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Sporting Page

ARMY AGAIN WIN INTER-SERVICES RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP



Mak Shui-hor, above, the All-China World Olympic Football reserve full-back, gave a splendid display yesterday against the Police in the Athletic's right-back berth.

YORKSHIRE CRICKET TEAM'S TOUR

UNDEFEATED IN JAMAICA

HEDLEY VERITY SCORES HIS FIRST CENTURY

London, March 31. The Yorkshire team, undefeated during their two-months' tour of Jamaica, arrived in England yesterday.

Mr. P. A. Gibb, the young Cambridge player who captained the side owing to the inability of Mr. A. B. Sellers, to make the trip, played in every match. He said they had three stern matches with full-strength Jamaica sides which had not been defeated by any touring team for 10 years, yet Yorkshire remained undefeated.

Wood in Good Form
George Hirst, who accompanied the team, said the play was right up to Yorkshire's standard. He spoke highly of Wood's wicket-keeping and Verity's batting and bowling. Verity made the first 100 of his career.

Verity said that the matches against Jamaica were played on three of the finest wickets one could wish for anywhere. "In Jamaica," he added, "they are terribly enthusiastic about cricket."

K.C.C. LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENTS

BIG ENTRIES FOR ALL EVENTS

The Lawn Bowls season has barely started, but the various competitions at the Kowloon Cricket Club have received whole-hearted response and, judging by the entries received to date, should prove as successful as those held last season.

The following are the entries for the various tournaments:

President's Cup and Vice-President's Cup—Both Scratch Singles, of 21 points.

R. P. Phillips, C. J. Tacchi, S. J. Houghton, A. W. Ramsay, J. Jack, J. Fraser, V. C. Lebrum, T. W. Lee, A. Sparry, F. A. Broadbridge, T. E. Hunter, L. Jack, T. W. Carr, F. Goodwin, W. J. Geall, W. Mulcahy, P. E. Knight, A. Hyde-Lay.

Norton Cup—Scratch Handicap, over 21 heads, and Singles Handicap Event, over 21 heads.

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Novices' Singles of 21 points—

A. W. Ramsay, A. Nissim, W. Mulcahy, C. Fletcher, and J. S. Dinnen.

FOOTFAULTING IN LAWN TENNIS AUXILIARY LINE IS SUGGESTED

MANY BODIES OPPOSED TO I.L.T.F. IDEA

(By "Fair Field")

London, March 31.

THE International Lawn Tennis Federation, anxious to check foot-faulting, have suggested to national association that an auxiliary line should be drawn on the court 2 ft. behind the baseline, the server resting one foot on it during delivery.

It is a proposal, Wallis Myers tells me, that is never likely to become law by a majority of governing bodies voting for it. Not only are leading members of the British Association opposed to it, believing that any additional lines to the court would confuse both players and umpires, but the American L.T.A. have already vetoed it officially.

Their executive are emphatically of opinion that any alteration of the present foot-fault rule should not include tinkering with dimensions that have stood the test of time and experience.

The truth about the so-called foot-fault problem is much simpler than many suppose.

Champions Don't Do It

Complete players through successive epochs, like Doherty, Lacoste, Tilden and Perry, are not foot-faulters—their method of producing the service is sound.

The majority of the defaulters are incomplete players; their weakness should not be condoned by devices which would not cure them of their bad habit.

SPORT IN ENGLAND

Golf & Tennis Contests Open To-day

Two sporting events of considerable interest in England will be commenced to-day when the English Native Amateur Golf Championship opens at Deal, Kent, and when the preliminary round of the British Hard-Courts Lawn Tennis Championship will be decided at Bournemouth.

John Woolam is the holder of the English Native Amateur Championship and the Bournemouth titlists are:

Men's Singles—F. J. Perry (Britain).

Men's Doubles—C. E. Malfroy and A. C. Stedman (New Zealand).

Women's Singles—Miss K. E. Stammers (Britain).

Women's Doubles—Mrs. J. B. Pittman and Miss A. M. Yorke (Britain).

Mixed Doubles—C. R. D. Tuckey and Miss M. C. Scriven (Britain).

FRIENDLY LAWN BOWLS

Indians Win At Sookunpoo

At Sookunpoo yesterday, the Indian Recreation Club beat the Hong Kong Football Club in a friendly lawn bowls match by 23 shots, the score being:

R. P. Phillips, C. J. Tacchi, S. J. Houghton, F. A. Broadbridge, J. Jack, L. Jack, J. Fraser, W. W. Hirst, A. W. Ramsay, V. C. Lebrum, T. W. Lee, A. Sparry, T. E. Hunter, T. W. Carr, F. Goodwin, W. J. Geall, A. Nissim, W. Mulcahy, P. E. Knight, A. Hyde-Lay.

Doubles' Handicap, over 15 heads, four woods each, partners to be drawn for:

R. P. Phillips, C. J. Tacchi, S. J. Houghton, F. A. Broadbridge, J. Jack, L. Jack, J. Fraser, W. W. Hirst, A. W. Ramsay, V. C. Lebrum, T. W. Lee, A. Sparry, T. E. Hunter, T. W. Carr, W. J. Geall, A. Nissim, W. Mulcahy, P. E. Knight, C. Fletcher, J. S. Dinnen, and A. Hyde-Lay.

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Fus. Rowlands, above, was given a fairly easy time last Saturday, when Rowlands' forwards failed to get on the mark although presented with many opportunities.

Saturday's Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION

S. CHINA 'B' 6 RECREIO

FUSILIERS 4 KOWLOON

NAVY 2 RIFLES

CLUB 1 EAST LANC'S.

SECOND DIVISION

EAST LANC'S. 5 KOWLOON

FUSILIERS 1 S. CHINA

RIFLES 4 CLUB

R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C. 2 EASTERN

Yesterdays' Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION

R.A. (Lyman) 4 CLUB

ATHLETIC 0 POLICE

SATURDAY'S GOALSCORERS

FIRST DIVISION

Ng Po-ku (South China "B") 1

Ho Ka-keung (South China "B") 1

Henry Young (South China "B") 1

Lei Shui-wing (South China "B") 1

Elliot (Club) 1

Harmsworth (East Lancs) 1

Doran (Navy) 1

Spencer (Navy) 1

Lindsay (Rifles) 1

Roberts (Fusiliers) 1

Harrison (Fusiliers) 1

Hughes (Fusiliers) 1

Dennis (Fusiliers) 1

SECOND DIVISION

Cox (East Lancs) 1

Crooks (East Lancs) 1

Farrell (Rifles) 1

Boyd (Rifles) 1

Chan Ping-to (Eastern) 1

Tuley (East Lancs) 1

Ratcliffe (East Lancs) 1

Mathes (East Lancs) 1

Power (East Lancs) 1

Gutierrez (Kowloon) 1

Cheng Sing-hong (Eastern) 1

M. Sahn (Eastern) 1

Attoo (R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.) 1

Worfold (R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.) 1

Sullivan (Fusiliers) 1

Lee Wing-on (South China) 1

YESTERDAY'S GOALSCORERS

FIRST DIVISION

Elliot (Club) 1

Haldane (Lyman) 1

Knight (Lyman) 1

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CLUB BEAT THE ARMY

Yachting Race

The sailing race between the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the Army yesterday resulted in a win for the former by the comfortable margin of 21 points.

The score for the morning race

was 44 points to 35 in favour of

the Club, for whom H. T. Pearce

scored the maximum points.

The Army were only 2 points behind

in the afternoon race—33 to 40

and thus bringing the totals to 166 for

the Club and 145 for the Army. In

this session T. C. Fairburn (Club)

scored the maximum number of

points.

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Draw Announced

The draw for match play is as

follows:

W. Stoker (17) v J. D. Thomson (9).

G. P. Murphy (11) v A. Anderson (6).

W. A. Stewart (6) v E. F. Barnes (18).

T. D. Paton (7) v F. C. Barry (11).

R. K. Collings (5) v E. O. Murphy (13).

W. Orr (18) v A. Eastman (9).

D. C. Wilson (79) v T. E. Christensen (87).

E. F. Barnes (93) v J. D. Thomson (84).

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J 2342—Animal crackers in my soup When I grow up.

"SHE SHALL HAVE MUSIC"

FB 1323—She shall have Music, Selection The Masqueraders.
Why did she fall for the leader.

"MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY"

FB 1316—Love song of Tahiti Andi Iona and Islanders.
"I LIVE FOR LOVE"

FB 1277—I live for love Rend and Orch.
Treasure Island Little Jack Little.

"THE CLOCK STRIKES EIGHT"

FB 1142—In the middle of a kiss Mario Harp, Lorenzi.

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"BOBBY" JONES' WONDERFUL FEAT

(By "Fair Field").

London, March 31.

BOBBY JONES'S wonderful score of 64 in a practice round for the Masters' tournament, at Augusta, recalls the history of "Calamity Jane," the famous putter which contributed so largely to his many amazing victories.

"Calamity Jane" is a wry-necked steel-bladed putter of exquisite balance which Jones picked up during his early days when wandering about the American continent winning championships.

He found the putter, covered with rust and with no grip, lying among a lot of junk in the professional's shop at Atlanta.

Jones bought it for 25 cents, and, because the wooden shaft was weak, had it bound in three places with tinned twine.

At times, the putter worked holed a putt of 130ft. from the farthest edge of the green for an "eagle" 3. This was one of the occasions when Jones kissed the head of "Calamity Jane."

It was never on better behaviour than at St. Andrews in the Open Championship, of 1927, which Jones won with six strokes to spare from Aubrey Boomer.

Luckiest Putt

The best, if not the luckiest putt Jones ever made was at the fifth hole, which measures 530 yards. He reached the edge of the green in two shots and then

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.—The following were the results of the three League games that commenced at 5.15 p.m. on Saturday:

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Revising Ministerial Salaries

A natural but perhaps over-delicate sense of punctilio has restrained successive Governments since the War from revising the scale of Ministerial salaries upon the lines suggested by the Select Committee of the House of Commons in 1920. The debate initiated by a private Member last month is a reminder that the anomalies remarked upon in 1920 still exist, and that the temporary conditions which a second Select Committee in 1930 felt to militate against any general revision no longer stand in the way of Government action. Formulated at different periods from the 17th century onwards, the salaries upon the present scale certainly offer some remarkable contrasts. The Prime Minister, who receives nothing as Leader of the Government, has a salary of £5,000 as First Lord of the Treasury, and is given no pension. The Lord Chancellor, who receives £5,000 for this office and an additional £4,000 as Speaker of the House of Lords, retires with a pension of £5,000. The Lord Advocate receives £5,000 and is allowed to undertake private practice at the Bar in addition; should he be promoted to Secretary of State for Scotland he will be paid £2,000 and have to resign his outside work. The Minister of Agriculture, with large Departmental duties, is paid £2,000 a year; a Minister Without Portfolio, not thus in command, receives £3,000.

In his evidence before the 1930 Select Committee, Mr. Baldwin commented on the difficulties which faced a Prime Minister when he wished to offer a holder or former holder of a £5,000 a year post an equally or more responsible office on the £2,000 scale. What no Premier or ex-Premier cares to emphasise of his own initiative is the difficulty the Prime Minister himself may have in keeping up a position with large social duties. In these days wealthy Prime Ministers are more likely to be the exception than the rule, and it is universally agreed that a former Prime Minister, unlike his colleagues, should not be allowed to return to commercial or professional pursuits. To increase the scale of the Premier's salary and to provide for the future of an ex-Prime Minister is a matter of clear justice. It is the simplest but not the only readjustment that must be made in the Ministerial scale.

Lord Linlithgow's Task

Recently Lord Willingdon relinquished the Viceroyalty of India, and left that great country, in his own words, "more peaceful than it has been for a good many years." To his successor, Lord Linlithgow, it falls to guide the incoming of the new Constitution bestowed on India by the Government of India Act. Bitterly and sincerely as that measure was opposed by a minority of critics in England, it has now been accepted, and its former opponents were represented at a gathering in London last month among those who desired to wish Lord Linlithgow farewell.

The Viceroy-Designate has the unusual qualification of first-hand knowledge of the country, acquired not merely as Chairman of the Joint Select Committee which drafted the constitutional reforms, but as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Indian Agriculture.

CAR-BANDITS ROB JACKIE COOGAN

Betty Grable Also Victimised

£1,000 WORTH OF JEWELS AND CASH TAKEN

Jackie Coogan and his fiancee, Miss Betty Grable, were held up by car bandits in Chicago late at night recently and robbed of jewellery worth £1,000 and some \$50 in cash.

Jackie said that he and Miss Grable were returning to the hotel by car after dining out when another car attempted to force them into the kerb.

For a time he managed to avoid the car, which pursued him down the street and finally forced him to stop.

A masked and armed bandit poked his head through the window and forced him and his fiancee to hand over their jewels.

Miss Grable dropped her engagement ring on to the floor of the car in an effort to hide it.

The hold-up man, however, noticed the action and seized Miss Grable by the ear, shouting, "Hand over, or I'll blow your brains out."

BOY'S £10,000 FOR HANDS

Result Of Slip While At Work

Damages of £10,000 were awarded at Manchester Assizes last month to Lawrence Heaps, aged 18, of Moor-road, Chorley, for the loss of both hands.

While employed at the rubber works of Messrs. Ferrite Ltd., Wellbank, Chorley, Heaps slipped and caught his hands in machinery. They had to be amputated.

"If I were to award him the whole wealth of the Bank of England I could never give him back his hands," said Mr. Justice Swift.

"He will have to go through life absolutely helpless."

LEAVE THAT ALONE!

A model of a portion of the machine in which Heaps caught his hands was fixed on the solicitors' table, and several times while counsel was demonstrating Mr. Justice Swift warned him to be careful.

When one witness was going to show how the accident happened, the judge said, "I cannot see the sense of these demonstrations. Someone is going to get hurt. It is so stupid. Leave that machine alone."

Mr. Noel E. Goldie, for Heaps, said that since the accident a guard had been provided and a rubber mat placed on the floor. Alterations had also been made so that the machine could be stopped immediately.

ROYAL MONOGRAM ON MAIL-VANS

"E.R." Not To Appear For Some Time

It will be some months before London sees its first freshly-painted mail-van with the letters "E.R." on its sides instead of "G.R."

Sir Gerald Wollaston, Garter King of Arms, and other experts are still considering the design.

Sir Gerald's secretary said:

"It may seem a simple matter, but it is really highly technical, and it will be some time before any announcement can be made."

There are about 750 mail-vans in London, and 15,000 in the provinces.

The "G.R." on pillar-boxes will not be changed. A Post Office official explained that the letters are cast in the metal.

"It would be difficult, if not impossible, to change them. New pillar-boxes will be cast with 'E.R.' on them," he said.

icator, to which Lord Linlithgow then devoted his great powers, will remain a principal factor in the working out of the great changes which he has now begun to supervise. Many of the economic difficulties which clouded the future of the reforms have already been cleared away, and much of the political obstruction in India has been quietly dissipated.

Great as are the problems still ahead, Lord Linlithgow has begun his duties with the knowledge that abundant goodwill exists in India as well as in England to forward the new Constitution.

Here There and Everywhere.

TWO-BREATH NAME

For length and intricacy of name, M. Lev Vladimirovich Antsipo-Chikunski is easily the lead.

of the diplomats presented at the King's levee.

He is the new Naval Attaché at the Soviet Embassy. Even there his name is easily the most intricate.

Russians themselves take it in two breaths. The only truly simple and un-Russian name among the Embassy staff is

Samuel B. Cahan.

Mr. Cahan, one of the Counselors, attended the levee with his Ambassador.

His name is a

transliteration of the Russian

"Cagan"—the "g" being pro-

nounced something like "h."

Owing to this peculiarity the

Russian for The Hague is "Gaga."

As a rule, an Ambassador at a

Levee is attended by a Counsellor

and secretaries. Soviet Russia is

unique among the great Powers

in sending no secretaries to its

Embassy.

MR. HEARST—AMERICAN

Mr. W. R. Hearst is now, as he says, growing old. In a life of

him that has just been published

he belies his own confession. He

is still wary of tranquillity.

A statement of his gospel of

vibration and responsiveness is

contained in a letter he wrote to

his editors on his 70th birthday.

In this he declared that editors,

above all people, should be inter-

ested in—indeed, excited by—the

news. He illustrated his point

by quoting one of his earliest

editorial writers, a Scot, Arthur

McEwen.

In ancient time McEwen said

that he looked at the first page of

the paper and remarked: "Gee

whiz!" At the second page he

said: "Holy Moses!" At the third

page "God Almighty!"

To excite himself excited, is

Mr. Hearst's motto. But he wrote

a poem quite recently in which

he said that "life ends in a peace-

ful dream."

WANDERLUST

For the first time in his life a

Welsh farmer of 53 has travelled 15

miles from his home. It must be the

gipsy in him.

1935 VERSION

Sure, I love the new Marcel that

glints in your hair,

And the eyebrows all plucked out and

pencilled with care.

I kiss the red lipstick you've put on

for me.

You're a wuv still at seventy—

Mother Machree.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley.



FUTURE EVENTS IN SPAIN

MENACE OF EXTREMIST DISORDERS

CAN AZANA'S STATESManship PASS THE COMING TEST?

(By Bertram Willmore)

SEÑOR Azana's Government has the recent excesses they will again be able to bring their rank and file to order.

Another big contribution towards keeping the peace is the Government's "suspension" of the Fascist party, the closing of its headquarter throughout the country and the arrest of its leaders, including Señor Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, the fiery son of the former Dictator, Gen. Primo de Rivera.

During the last few days this party has been offering armed defiance to the Socialists, Syndicalists and Communists—an attitude which has led directly to some of the worst excesses committed by the Left extremists.

Folly Of Fascists

With "Two Socialists for one Fascist" as their slogan, armed members of this party, mostly youths, have been provoking the masses by acts of almost incredible folly, including spectacular attempts on the lives of two of the Left leaders, one of them the great Large Caballero himself.

Casual reading of the recent news from Spain may have given many people in England the impression that the Spanish Fascists are a strong party, more or less numerically equal with the Socialists.

Actually they are insignificant. In the recent general elections they ran 30 candidates in eight provinces. Not one was elected, and their total poll of votes was small.

The great Conservative-Catholic C.E.D.A. party of Señor Gil Robles, the Monarchists under Señor Calvo Sotelo, and the other Right parties all seem to have decided on a Rer Rabbit-like policy after the elections. As if fearful of what may happen, they have several times shown willingness to co-operate to some extent with the more moderate points in the policy of the Left.

Irresponsible Madness

The irresponsible madness of the Fascists seems, however, to have neutralised much of the good effect of this mild Conservative. (Continued on Page 10)

GRASS THAT GROWS

120 FEET HIGH

BAMBOOS IN PARADENIA GARDENS, KANDY, Ceylon.

BEATRICE LAMB FOY
of HONOLULU,
SHE WON 2 TOURNAMENTS
WITH IT IN 1933.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Founder Of Salesian Order

FEAST-DAY CELEBRATIONS IN HONG KONG

Yesterday being the feast of St. John Bosco, a solemn High Mass was performed at the mission house in Shaukiwan, at St. Anthony's Church (West Point), and at the Aberdeen Industrial School.

In the afternoon, the staff and pupils of these three schools gathered at the Aberdeen Industrial School, where a procession was held at 3 p.m., followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At 4 o'clock there was Academy with classic music.

St. John Bosco, the reverend founder of the great Salesian Order, was elevated to the Order of Saints on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934, by His Holiness the Pope at St. Peter's, Rome, after a conclave of Cardinals, presided over by the Pope, had scrutinised historical records and had satisfied themselves in every way that canonisation could be fittingly bestowed.

PACK TOO LIVELY FOR ROYAL AIR FORCE

(Continued from Page 4)

Walker is good. He stood close to the scrummage, took his passes moving fast, and more than once made openings which might, with a little more luck, have led to tries. It is a pity, I think, that the England selectors passed Walker by this year.

Walker Soon Dangerous

The afternoon was pleasantly warm and sunny, though I dare say the Air Force would have welcomed a shower of rain or two and heavy going. It was, at any rate, hardly the weather for close tactics, and very soon we realised that Walker might be dangerous. He has a quick inward jink, rather reminiscent of Cliff Jones, which carries him past the headlong tackler, and before long he had slipped through, punted ahead, and put his shoulder into the surprised Howard Jones.

The Air Force had at least started well, and for the first 10 minutes or so their forwards heeled steadily from the tight scrummages. Penalty kicks for technical infringements were rather frequent, and for a time play settled down at half-way with wholehearted defence snuffing out attack after attack.

Then gradually Wallis began to pull his forwards together, and the Army pressure increased. Slowly but surely the Air Force were driven back, fighting every yard of the way, and Glass nearly burst through the centre after Walker had knocked on.

Owen's Penalty Goal

Unwin made a mark and tried a drop from the touch-line. Wallis and Phillips dribbled grandly from a line-out, and then, after 20 minutes, Owen thumped over a penalty goal for the Army.

This was discouraging for the Air Force, and their resistance seemed to be lowered when Rawlence ran powerfully and Unwin handed Cross off with a thump and was only just pushed into touch by Ashton.

The Army, indeed, were going strong, but suddenly Craven intercepted a pass, Walker raced up outside him, and the Air Force had leapt to the attack again. A beautiful corkscrew run by Walker after tight scrummage, a dash by Cross, and as he was tackled the ball went loose, and Holland picked it up near the touch-line.

The situation did not appear to be promising, but Holland, quickly into his stride, sold the dummy beautifully, swerved inwards and scored a grand try. A fine kick by Coslett was a goal all the way, and so the Air Force took the lead after half an hour's lively football.

Swift Thrusts

This was more than the Army could bear, and they swept back in a series of swift thrusts. Howard Jones shaved the posts with a drop at goal, and then, from the drop-out, Phillips, Wallis, Owen and Wilcox charged to the Air Force line in bout of short passing.

Ashton brought Wilcox down in the nick of time. The Army for a moment swarmed round, heeled immediately, and the ball was whipped straight across to Raw-



To-day's Complete Short Story

THE ARTIST

By I. V. Bellas

MR. JAMES MONTAGUE VAUGHAN - TRAVERS — to quote from the passenger list — glanced round the *Lucretia*'s smoking-room and mentally ticked off his probable victims. In certain quarters of London Mr. James, etc., was better known as "Gentleman Jim."

His nickname fitted him as perfectly as his immaculate evening clothes. He was handsome, debonair, monocled. Oxford-accented. He had the hands and brain of an artist. He could make a pack of cards do anything but speak, and he brought amazing ingenuity to bear on the preparation and execution of his coup.

He usually worked on the large Atlantic liners. His presence on the *Lucretia*, a liner on the Eastern run, was due to a tiresome accident. A prosperous young Canadian, on his way to England to get married, fell overboard and was drowned shortly after finishing a game of poker with him. When he tried to book an outward passage some days later, the shipping clerk informed him that there was no accommodation available. He tried another company, with the same result. He was glad to get a berth on the *Lucretia*.

After all, he reasoned, as he sipped his whisky-and-soda, the change might do him good. He

knew too many people on the Atlantic run. It was time he made some new acquaintances. And there would be less professional competition, if any. These Eastern boats were not patronised by millionaires. But this was really no drawback. He knew by experience that great wealth was often accompanied by great caution. A rubber planter, Government official or sheep farmer was likely to prove quite as profitable an acquaintance.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

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Athletic	26	14	3	9	46	26	37
Fusiliers	24	12	5	7	51	36	31
S. China "B"	25	11	5	5	50	36	31
Police	23	11	4	8	57	29	30
Navy	24	15	9	0	64	50	30
Club	23	12	6	5	54	34	29
Rifles	25	8	7	9	47	36	25
East Lancs	22	9	9	4	45	41	22
Recreio	21	7	12	2	34	46	19
St. Joseph's	24	8	14	2	40	71	18
Kowloon	25	6	16	3	37	54	15
R.A. (Lymen)	24	3	19	2	40	74	8
R.A. (Sters)	25	1	21	3	16	104	5
Totals	340	135	136	68	670	310	

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Navy	26	23	1	2	125	27	48
New Lancs	25	19	3	3	81	25	41
Fusiliers	22	14	1	7	74	18	35
Rifles	24	16	5	3	65	28	32
Engineers	25	15	8	2	86	48	32
R. A. S. C. & R.A.O.C.	26	13	10	3	52	52	29
South China	26	11	11	4	46	52	28
Athletic	23	10	10	5	46	40	25
Eastern	22	9	12	4	48	62	22
Club	25	7	15	3	38	71	17
University	26	5	17	4	36	74	14
Radio	26	5	20	1	25	88	11
Recreio	26	5	21	0	27	67	10
Kowloon	25	2	22	1	16	113	5
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MACAU RACES

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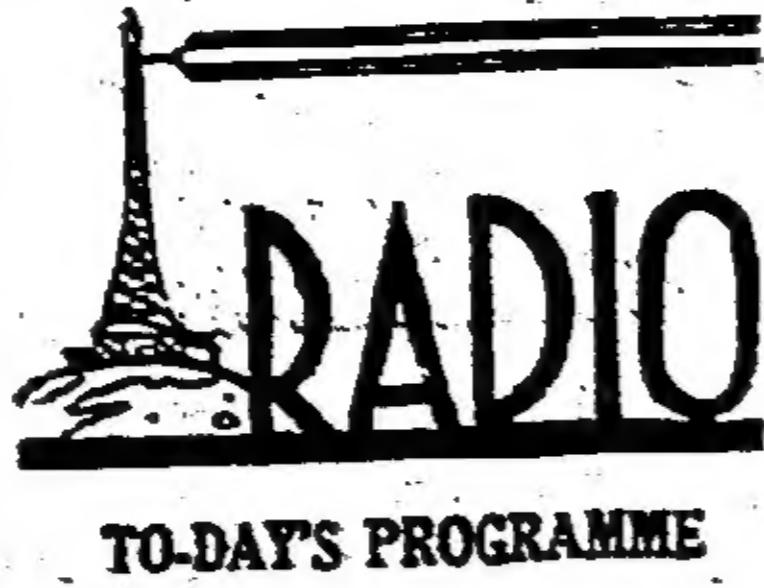
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4. You've got to admit

5. Let's fall in love

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2. La Barque D'Yves

3. Landserette

4. Ballade

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A World of Romance

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1. Thais—Meditation (Massenet)

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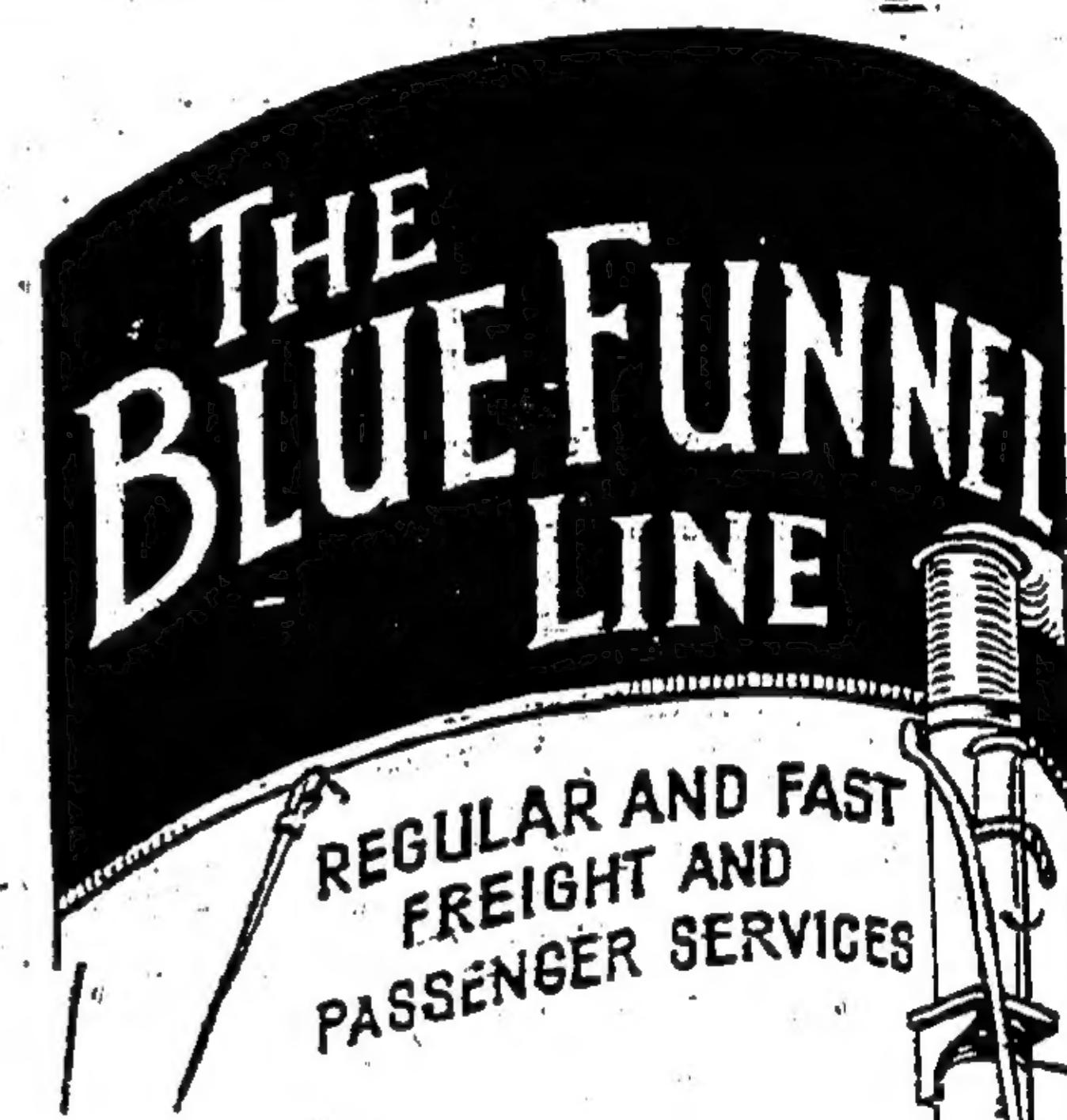
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The elections were followed by a short "honeymoon" of victory rejoicings. That is already over, and the domestic relations of the Left Block parties are already strained. Senor Largo Caballero recently described to me his view of the Government's first begin-

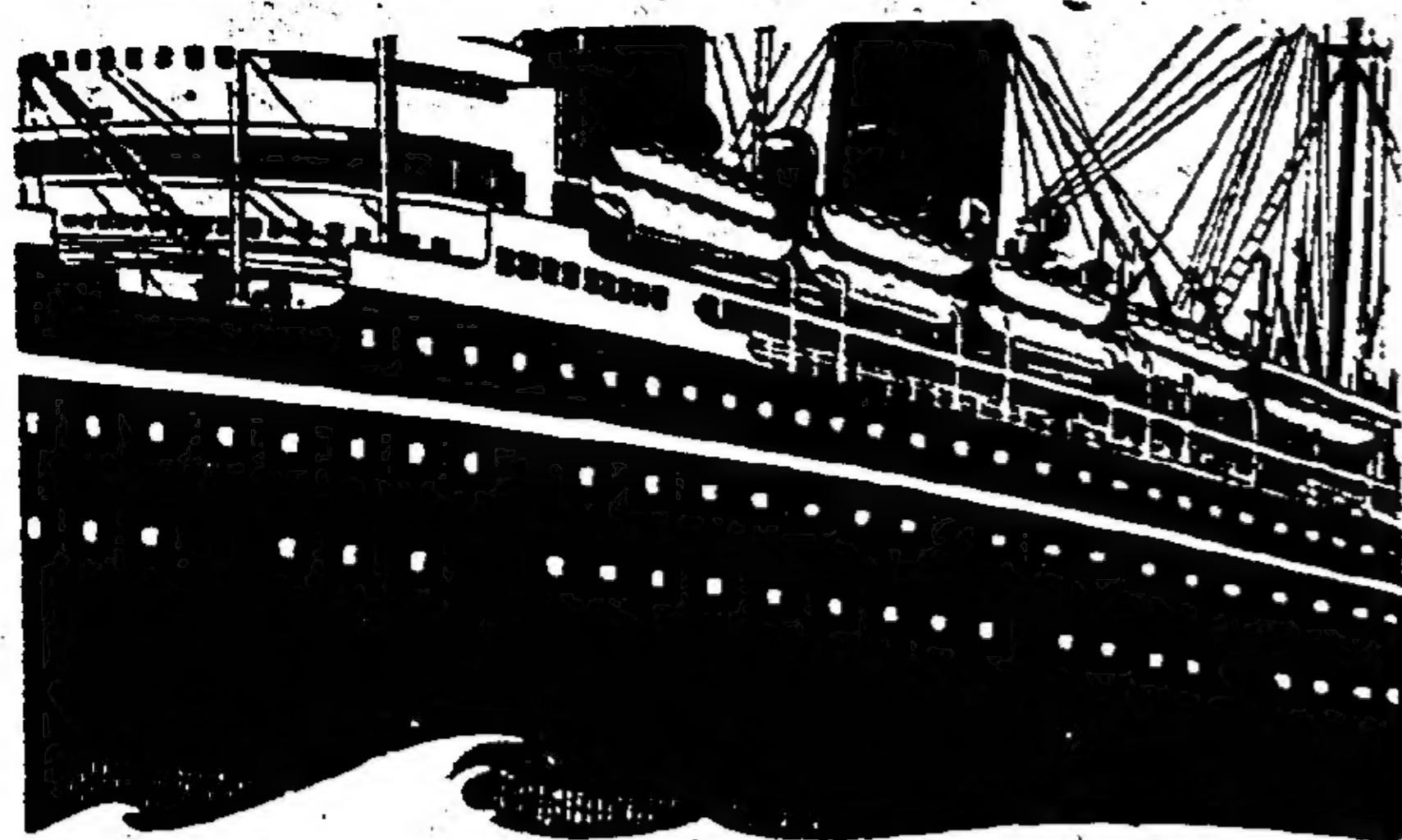
French Concept Likely.

The army is usually given, or takes, the last word in Spain. It is still officered to a large extent by the aristocracy, many of whom are Royalists.

It is the avowed intention of the Socialists to Republicanise it—Socialise it if possible. While resentful of recent insults to a number of army officers in the streets, the army appears to be loyal to the Government and to the Constitution.

Gen. Masquelet, the War Minister, has issued a communiqué denying that there is discontent in the Forces, praising the Spanish soldiers as "models of unselfishness and loyalty," and describing the army as "the firmest support of the Republican State."

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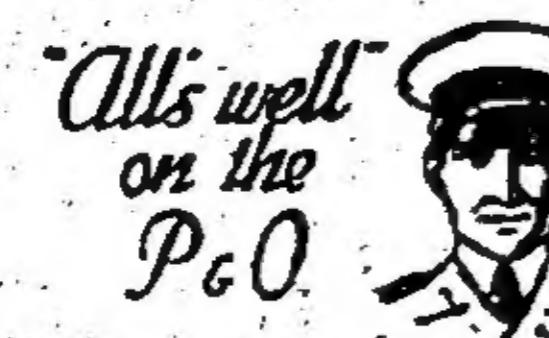
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THE ARTIST

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flower she resembled. It was her eyes that fascinated him. They were the most innocent, most appealing eyes he had ever looked into. Hardened sinner that he was, she woke in him a queer, protective feeling that he found both puzzling and amusing.

Gentleman Jim knew when to unbend. He could be a brilliant talker and an attentive listener. He had the art of inviting information without appearing to do so. By the end of breakfast he knew that their name was Sanderson, that they were going to visit relatives in Australia, that they had a house in Portman Square and another near Horsesham and that the old man was a retired steel manufacturer. He also knew that the girl's name was Lucy, that they worshipped each other and that he was in luck's way. There's no fool like an old fool.

He laid himself out to captivate the Sandersons, and accomplished his object well within a week. He overheard them talking about him one evening. They were sitting just outside the ballroom, and the strains of the orchestra drowned the sound of his approach.

"Fine young fellow," the old man was saying. "A gentleman to his fingertips. I thought respect for old age was dead, but he's got it. I wonder I've never heard of the Vaughan-Travers. Must be a good old family. You can't mistake breeding. And what does my little girl think of our new friend, eh?"

"I think he's wonderful, grandpa," answered Lucy.

"I though so!" cackled the old fellow. "I've kept my eyes open, bless you! Well, you won't have me to worry you much longer, and you might do a lot worse."

Gentleman Jim stepped forward, his smile not altogether affected. "So here you are," he said genially. "I'm going to claim that dance you promised me. Miss Sanderson. With your permission, sir, that is."

"Certainly, certainly," quavered old Mr. Sanderson. "Run away and enjoy yourselves. But don't forget our little game of cards later on, young fellow."

"And don't you forget what the doctor said about being in bed ten," cautioned Lucy.

"Oh, all right, all right! See how she bullies me, Vaughan-Travers? You'd never think it to look at her, eh? Take her away before she starts worrying about my thick muffer."

While dancing with the fairy-like figure of Lucy in his arms Gentleman Jim put in a good deal of solid thinking. Old Sanderson had put a wonderful idea into his head. Why shouldn't he marry my thick muffer?"

Polished artist that he was, he had at times felt the need of just such a partner. Some people were so unreasonably suspicious. With this innocent little girl as his wife he could fleece the Commissioner of Scotland Yard and get away with it.

He had, of course, meant to fleece her grandfather. The old man was simply asking for it. He was fond of his little girl, and got terribly excited when he picked up a good hand. He had won fifteen shillings at bridge the previous night, and was still bragging about it. He had suggested higher stakes. It would be a pity to let such an ideal victim escape.

Then Gentleman Jim nearly laughed at himself for his simplicity. Why shouldn't he achieve both his aims? The old man would be the last to blab about a big gambling loss and he would never suspect for a moment that he had been duped. That was the programme! Make a parcel out of the old man, and marry the girl. Trot the girl round for a bit and make a fortune. Buy up a country estate and settle down to a life of luxury. He'd always hankered to be a real gentleman.

He smiled into Lucy's shining eyes.

"How do you manage to look prettier every day?" he asked her.

Her quick blush told him that that country estate was as good as his.

Ten nights later the usual quartet occupied the usual corner-table in the Lacretia's card-room. "Come on, Vaughan-Travers," said Colonel Price, pressing the bell-button for the steward. "Your turn to win to-night."

"Well past his turn, I should say," corrected Maitland, a Ceylon tea-planter. "I've never known

anybody with such a run of bad luck."

"Unlucky at cards—" cackled old Mr. Sanderson. "You know the saying. Oh, I'll have a brandy-and-soda, please."

"A rubber of bridge, and then a little poker?" suggested Colonel Price.

The others agreed. This had been the arrangement for the last two nights. Gentleman Jim drew Maitland as a partner, and they simply swamped their opponents.

"My luck's turned," remarked Gentleman Jim, and rang for the third round of drink. "Look out for yourselves."

Besides being excellent policy, it amused him to warn his victims beforehand. He had long since earmarked this as the night for the big coup. To-morrow the ship would reach Colombo and the little party would break up.

Everything had gone according to plan. Lucy had been persuaded to join a party of young people at the farewell fancy-dress dance they were holding on deck. She would be far too thrilled to remember her grandfather's bedtime. That old gentleman had already drunk more than was good for him! Every minute he grew more reckless and excited. His eyes glittered oddly. Gentleman Jim knew the symptoms. If he drew a good enough hand the old chap would completely lose his head.

"All right, my dear, all right," mollified her grandfather, laying down his hand. "We're stopping down to him. I'm no idea it was so late. Run along now, there's a good girl."

"But, grandpa, I—I heard you say ..."

Her voice trailed off. She put a hand to her head, and swayed slightly. Gentleman Jim sprang to her side; put an arm round her. In a moment she was herself again.

"Thank you," she smiled up at him. "Silly of me ... I felt quite giddy for a moment. Perhaps I've been dancing too much. Now, really, grandpa—"

"All right, dear, all right!" the old fellow said irritably. "I'll go to bed as soon as we've finished this hand. There! Run along to your cabin now, and I'll come and say good-night."

Lucy withdrew. Gentleman Jim resumed his seat.

"Well, young fellow," said Mr. Sanderson. "I hate to rob you, but you've brought it on yourself. Let's see this wonderful hand of yours."

Gentleman Jim smilingly picked up his cards. The whole world seemed to crash about his ears. He turned crimson, then deathly white. A terrible rage shook him. The four kings he had dealt to Mr. Sanderson fell from his trembling fingers.

Chuckling softly, old Mr. Sanderson laid down four aces.

Shortly afterwards the old gentleman shuffled along to Lucy's cabin, as promised.

"We've done it, Lucy!" he exulted. "Twenty thousand of the best! I told you we'd make our pile out of these so-called sharpeners. They're too busy nosing out simple to look after themselves."

"But you ran a great risk," said Lucy. "Supposing he hadn't laid down his winning hand when I did my dizzy business?"

"Supposing you look in the mirror?" he countered. "No man alive can see you fainting and keep his head. Besides, he never suspected a thing—not even when I gave you the wire by ringing for the steward. We've struck a great combination, little partner. Doddering old age and innocent youth. It'll win every time."

"Poor Gentleman Jim!" sighed Innocent Youth. "Fetch out the bottle and we'll drink his health."

Colonel Price and Maitland threw in. Gentleman Jim smiled at his victim.

"Sorry, Mr. Sanderson," he said, "but I'll have to raise you to a thousand. I've got a fool-proof hand this time."

"Have you, by Jove!" cried the old man, and pressed the bell-push for the steward. "I'll order the drinks, anyway, because I'm going to win. Is your fool-proof hand good enough for ten thousand pounds?"

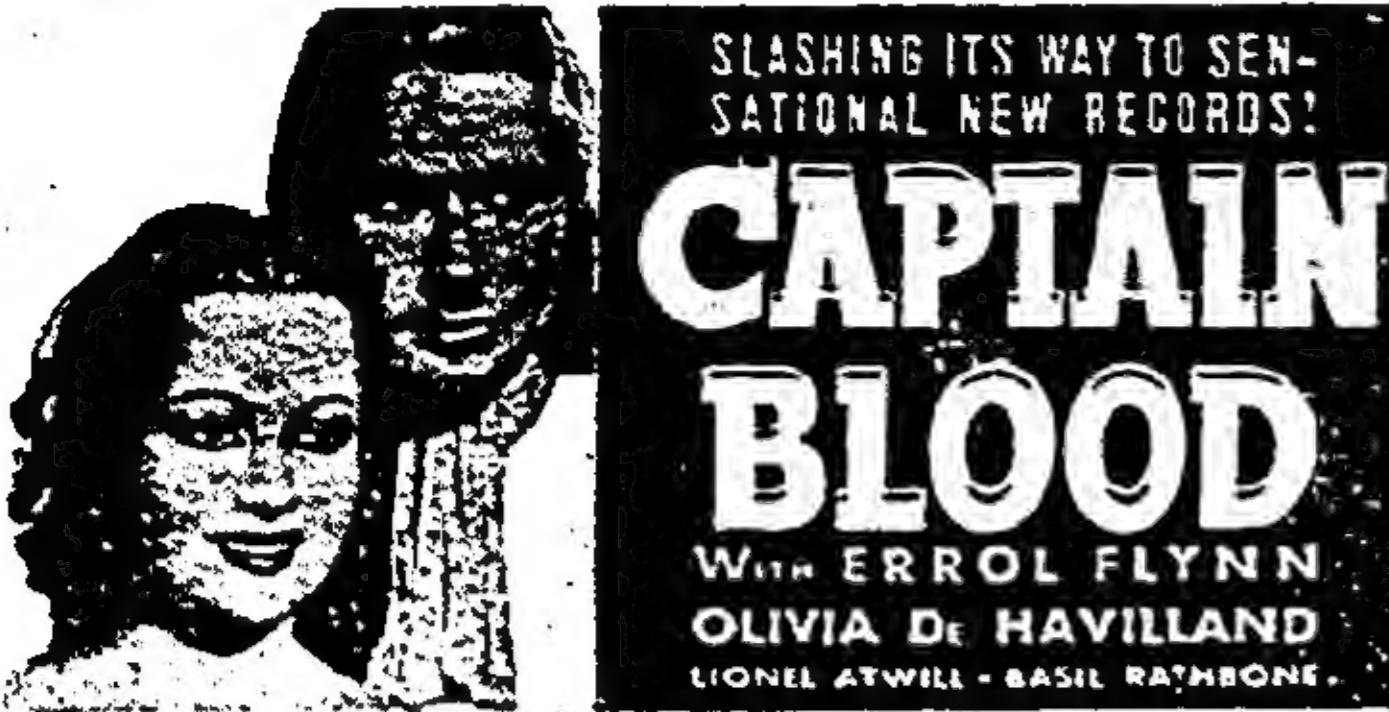
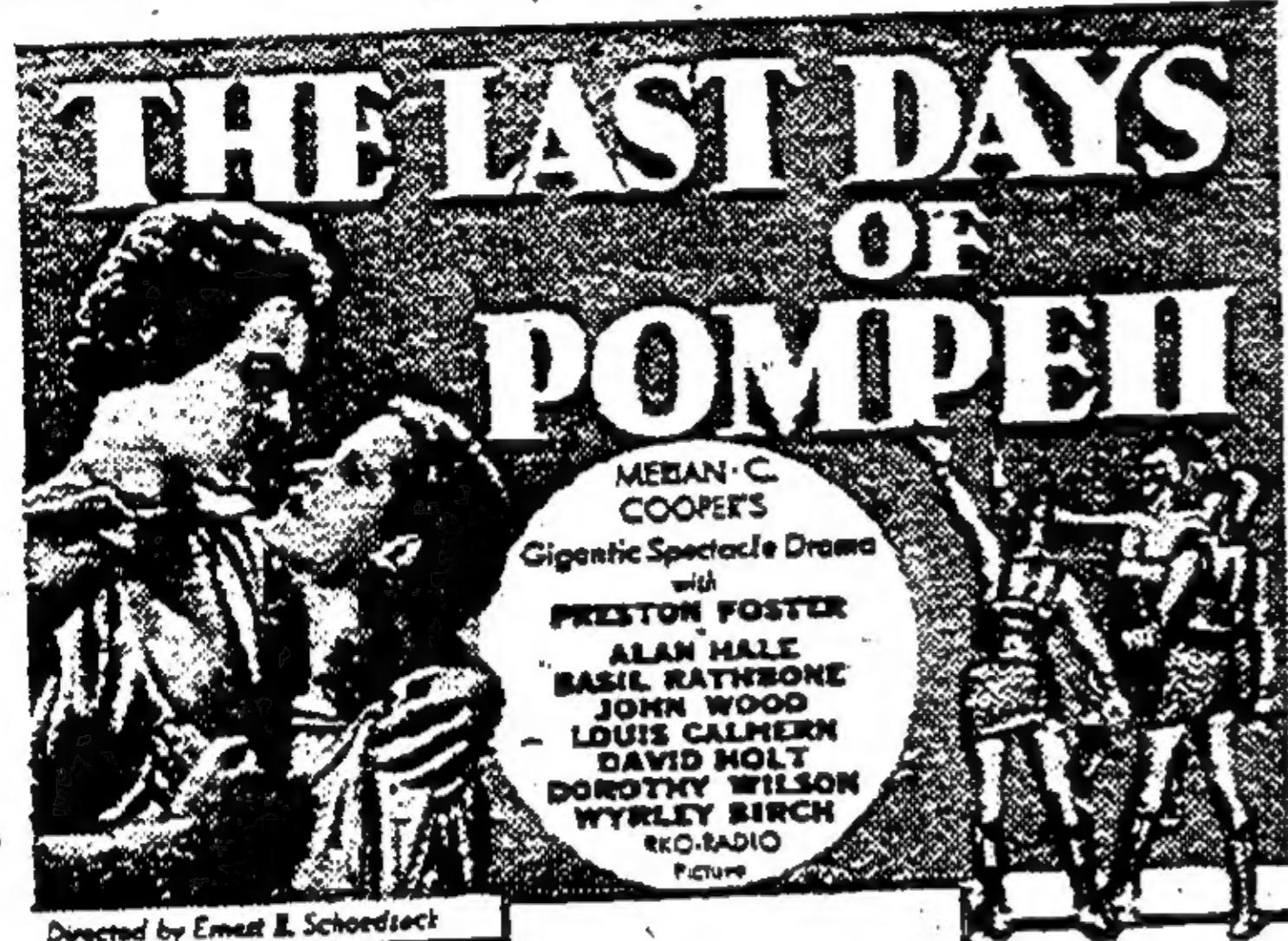
Colonel Price gasped. Maitland gaped. They had both heard of such high play but never thought to witness it.

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Berlin, Saturday.

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Man Arrested After
14 Years

Sam Bickner, alias Jacob Klinger, aged 49, a merchant, of Knightsbridge, who was said to have escaped from justice in New York in 1922, was at Bow street last month committed for extradition to the United States on a charge of grand larceny.

The magistrate (Mr. Dummett) said that the papers received from New York disclosed that Bickner ran away and escaped to England, while he was out on bail. When Bickner pleaded that the incident occurred 14 years ago, Mr. Dummett replied: "There is no statute of limitations in indictable cases."

Reinforcements and supplies are

being transported to the front by

endless columns of lorries along the Makale-Dessie road.

No reliable information is as yet forthcoming as to the whereabouts of the Negus, but it is persistently rumoured that the Abyssinian Crown Prince is ready to make concessions to Italy.

Italian circles here anticipate that hostilities on both fronts will be brought to a conclusion by the middle of May at the latest. - Trans-Ocean Service.

The Soldiers' and Airmen's Christian Association will meet at the Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road, at 7.30 p.m. to-morrow.

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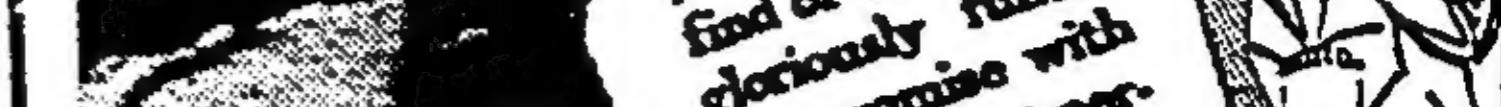
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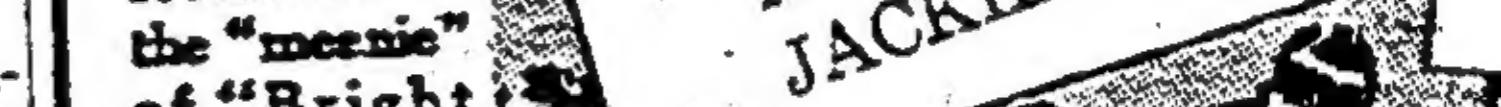
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